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SUBJ: LEAP DAL REFUGEES

REF: BANGKOK 16111

1. IN FOLLOW-UP APPEAL TO LETTER SENT AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK BY ASIAN CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PEACE (ACRP) WHICH DESCRIBED LEAP DAL AS A "PRISON SHIP" AND EMPHASIZING DEPLETION OF CHARITY FUNDS, MR. WILLIE TAY AND MR. M. SINGH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AND TREASURER OF THE ACRP, GATHERED THE SUPPORT OF UNHCR REPS SAMPATKUMAR AND CARPENTER, AND MET WITH AMBASSADOR, DCM AND CONOFFS JULY 25.

2. REFTTEL, PROVIDING A TIMELY RESPONSE TO WHAT THEY HAD COME TO DISCUSS, RAISED THE QUESTIONS OF HOW THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF 90 REFUGEES REMAINING ABOARD THE LEAP DAL MIGHT BE RECEIVED BY THE RTG AND WHAT FORM OF AUTHORIZATION/DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MOVE THEM.

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3. THE LEAP DAL, LOCATED OFF OF SOUTH EASTERN MALAYSIA BORDERING SINGAPORE WATERS, IS UNSEAWORTHY, UNABLE TO SAIL FOR THAILAND AND CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF REFUGEES ABOARD HAS BEEN MOUNTING FOR SOME TIME AS THE NORTHEAST MONSOON SEASON APPROACHES.

4. HOWEVER, SAMPATKUMAR INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY

IN OBTAINING AIR TRANSPORTATION AND GOS PERMISSION FOR REFUGEES
TO TRANSIT SINGAPORE ENROUTE BANGKOK ONCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THEIR ENTRY INTO THAILAND HAD BEEN FINALIZED.

5. ALTHOUGH ACRP AND UNHCR REPS WERE EAGER FOR IMMEDIATE
ACTION, AMBASSADOR POINTED UP PROBABLE DELAY IN DETAILING
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION OF LEAP DAL REFUGEES IN
THAILAND. HOLDRIDGE

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